AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Brief Description of the Drawings beginning at page 3, line 20 to read as follows:

Figure 4B illustrates a first portion of a locking ~~means~~ mechanism disposed on an exterior surface of the container receptor portion as according to the invention;

Figure 4C illustrates a complementary portion of the locking ~~means~~ mechanism of Figure 4B disposed on the carrier portion of the container holder assembly as according to the invention;

Figure 5A illustrates a perspective front view of the container holder assembly in an extended position as according to the invention;

Figure 5B illustrates a perspective front view of the container holder assembly in a collapsed position to facilitate storage as according to the invention; ~~and~~

Figure 6 illustrates a bottom view of the container receptor portion of the container holder assembly as according to the invention; and

Figure 7 is a top elevational view of a vehicle incorporating the container holder according to the invention.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3 to read as follows:

Still referring to Figure 1, at least one container receptor portion 16 is adapted to telescopically engage and be retained within the at least one opening 14 formed in the carrier portion 12. In this manner, the at least one container receptor portion 16 can be adjusted along an axis of movement between an extended and collapsed position relative to the carrier portion 12 as desired by the user. Once the at least one container receptor portion 16 is assembled into

the carrier portion 12, the container portion 16 may be adjusted to the extended position by pushing downward on the base of the container receptor portion 16 after placing the hand through the at least one opening 14 formed in the carrier portion 12.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 13 to read as follows:

Figure 2 illustrates a top view of a preferred embodiment of the container holder assembly 10 having two container receptor portions 16 disposed in two recessed cylindrical openings 14 formed in the carrier portion 12. At the base of each container receptor portion 16 there is illustrated an arrow pointed in a counterclockwise direction. Once the container portions 16 have been adjusted to the extended position, the container portions 16 may be locked in the extended position by turning the container portions 16 about its axis of movement in the counterclockwise direction of the arrow. This action causes a locking ~~means~~ mechanism formed on the container holder assembly 10 to engage. Accordingly, turning the container portion 16 in a clockwise direction would cause the release of the container portion 16 from the locked position. The ~~mechanisms for the~~ locking ~~means~~ mechanism ~~disposed on the container holder assembly 10~~ will be described hereinafter.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3 to read as follows:

With reference now to Figures 4B and 4C, ~~a~~ the locking ~~means~~ mechanism includes ~~is provided being comprised of~~ a first portion 28 ~~disposed on~~ protruding outwardly from an exterior surface of the container receptor portion 16 adjacent the flanged rim 30. The locking mechanism also includes ~~and~~ a ~~complementary~~ second portion 34 disposed on an interior surface of the recessed cylindrical openings 14 of the carrier portion 12. The first 28 and second 34 portions

are locking engageable to retain the container receptor portion 16 in the extended position. More specifically, the first portion 28 includes a wall or arm 29 that extends outwardly from the exterior surface of the container receptor portion 16. The arm 29 extends longitudinally along a plane generally orthogonal to the axis of movement of the container portion 16. A bump or boss 31 extends outwardly from a top surface 27 of the arm 29. The second portion 34 of the locking mechanism includes a flange 33 having a bottom surface 37 complementary with the top surface of the arm 29. The bottom surface 37 of the flange 33 also includes a recess 35 for receiving the boss 31. The top 27 and bottom 37 surfaces engage or contact each other during the aforementioned counterclockwise rotation of the container receptor portion 16 relative to the carrier portion 12 to lock the container receptor portion 16 in the extended position. Further, the engagement between the boss 31 and the recess 35 resists accidental clockwise rotation or unlocking of the container receptor portion 16 relative to the carrier portion 12. Figure 4C illustrates the complementary engagement between the first portion 28 and the complementary second portion 34 after the container receptor portion 16 has been rotated in a counterclockwise direction while in the extended position as described above.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 20 to read as follows:

Figure 6 illustrates a bottom view of a container receptor portion 16 wherein retaining arms 26 and the first portion 28 of the locking ~~means~~ mechanism are disposed on an exterior surface thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 6 to read as follows:

The foregoing figures and descriptions are provided as illustrative of a preferred embodiment of the inventive collapsible container holder assembly 10 for use in a vehicle having a floor tray. However, it is appreciated that other embodiments may be structured to be selectably attachable to other locations within a vehicle other than the floor tray, as illustrated at 12' and 12" in Fig. 7. It is understood that various changes to the central components and conditions of the apparatus may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the claims as presented.